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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
ALEXANDRE LAURENT, ET AL. : EXAMINER: PALENIK, JEFFREY T.  
SERIAL NO: 10/541,362 :  
FILED: APRIL 13, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1615  
FOR: INJECTABLE GEL-FORMING :  
COMPOSITIONS BASED ON CROSS-  
LINKED AND NON-CROSS-LINKED  
POLYMERS AND THE USE THEREOF

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed January 03, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-17 and 20 drawn to a polymer-based injectable, gel-forming composition.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Groups II, Claims 18-19, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.